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Patriot, Krash, Bustin' Loose win regatta

Winners of the 1996 Navy Regatta held in Monterey Bay were *Patriot*, skippered by Mark Chaffley in the Shields division; *Krash*, skippered by Charlie Kurtmen in the Santana 22 division; and, in the PHRF division, Larry Gamble in *Bustin' Loose*.

Held Sunday, the Navy Regatta is an annual sailboat race sponsored by the Naval Postgraduate School Sailing Association. Free and open to all boats, this year a total of 12 boats participated in the three divisions.

Second place in each division went to L. "Sam" Fleming of New Monterey in her Shields; Bob Doer, Pacific Grove, in his Santana 22, and Doug Rodda, Pebble Beach, in the PHRF division. Also competing were Steve Jackson, Bob Furney and Jack Allen, all of Pacific Grove, and Glenn Lindsay of Monterey.

NPSSA Commodore Nick Buck presented trophies to the top three finishers at the award ceremony and reception held at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Wharf #2, after the final race.

The Race Committee, chaired by NPSSA Racing Commodore Van Henson, set the course.



MONTEREY MUNICIPAL HARBOR. Fishermen and pleasure boaters succeeded last week in presenting new ideas to the Monterey City Council in lieu of berth transfer fees. Staff had proposed fees of up to \$5,000, but the council voted to postpone action until August to allow for input from boaters. Photo by Janis Cain.

City wrestles with 20-year list

by Janis Cain

"This is a Constitutional issue," Monterey City Attorney William Connors says of 20-year waiting list for a slip in the city marina. "It's about discrimination and equal access to tide-lands."

After a three-hour hearing on the issue of slips, fees and profiteering, the Monterey City Council voted June 4 to go "back to the table" to hammer out a plan that's fair, legal and will also protect the fishing industry. At issue was a

new ordinance to charge as much as \$5,000 in slip transfer fees to those purchasing boats within the marina.

Art Jacobs, a Monterey lawyer representing 45 slip-holders, claims the proposed fee of \$100 per foot on the length of the slip is a restraint of trade. "If a fee is to be charged it must have some relevance to the value of the vessel," he said. "Some 40-foot boats are worth ten times more than other 40-foot boats."

As for how the transfer fee would increase the number of berths opening up to the waiting list, many expressed wonderment.

"If anything," noted boat owner Donald Morgan, "the added cost will diminish the number of people buying and selling boats, so the transfer fee won't help open up the list."

According to Connor, the City has been subject to lawsuits and public criticism for allowing boat buyers bypass the list via the purchase of a boat.

Mayor Dan Albert said the criticism is nothing new. "I was first sworn in as Mayor of Monterey 18 years ago on a Tuesday night. Early Wednesday morning I received a phone call from someone wanting to discuss slips at the marina."

Some 182 names are on the waiting list to use one of the City's 400 slips. Those who want immediate use purchase a boat with a slip.

"The only effective way to get a slip was to play the game," Harbormaster Stephen Scheiblaue told the Council. "And a lot of good people played the game; this is not an indictment of them."

Several speakers from the large audience of boat owners disputed those who questioned their integrity.

Boat dealer June Dugan confirmed the woes of most boat owners who claimed they rarely get back what they have invested in their boats. "Most boats sell for less than blue book and many are valued at less than the alleged value of the slip," she said.

After a unanimous vote for a "No" vote on the proposed ordinance, the issue isn't dead in the water, just taking a different tack. Sent back to staff, the revised ordinance is expected to incorporate ideas proposed by the public.

If and when the City begins charging, the funds will not go into the general fund, but will be spent on marina improvements and/or to lower parking fees for slip-holders.

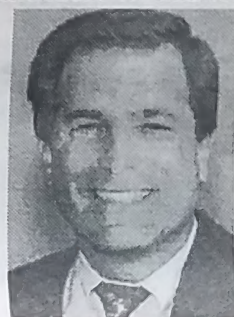
PGUSD Board names new superintendent

Dr. Barry Schimmel of San Jose has been named Superintendent of Schools for the Pacific Grove Unified School District. The appointment was made during a special meeting of the Trustees of PGUSD on May 31st, with Dr. Schimmel's contract beginning on July 1st.

School Board President Mike Armstrong said he and other members of the Board began the search process in January. "It took time," he said, "however, we indeed have appointed the best person for the job."

Dr. Schimmel served the past 11 years as Deputy and Associate Superintendent of San Jose Unified School District. He has also had extensive experience as principal and superintendent in smaller school districts.

A 12-member screening and interview committee established for the superintendent search was made up of parents and staff from the school district, along with representatives from the city, business and higher education. Dr. Schimmel received his Doctorate in School Administration and Law at USF and Jose State.



Barry Schimmel

Mann named new PGMS Principal

Linda Mann, currently the Assistant Principal at Pacific Grove High School, will become Principal of Pacific Grove Middle School, effective July 1.

Mann replaces Chris Whitmore, who has been named Principal/Superintendent of the Los Alamos School District.

Prior to her two years at PG High School, Mann was employed by North Monterey County School District for over 12 years, serving as grade level coordinator, interim principal and counselor.

Interim Superintendent Jay Cobb notes that Mann enjoys broadbased support from high school and middle school staff, parents and students.



Linda Mann

Museum exhibit eyes Del Monte Forest

A special exhibit focusing on the history and uniqueness of Del Monte Forest now fills the Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove.

Del Monte Forest Legacy: A Century of Stewardship offers insight into the past, present and future of the Del Monte Forest, beginning with the Pacific Improvement Company, owner of vast amounts of land on the Monterey Peninsula. When Samuel F.B. Morse purchased some of the land in 1919, he founded Del Monte Properties Company, the forerunner to Pebble Beach Company.

The exhibit showcases more than 75 years of preservation efforts by the Pebble Beach Company, continuing to present day programs of pest management systems for the golf courses, wastewater reclamation, recycling, reforestation, and coastline area replanting projects.

Also demonstrated will be the role golf plays in the preservation of open space.

In addition to the exhibit, a series of lectures related to Del Monte Forest are scheduled throughout the exhibition period. Topics include the history of the Chinese settlement at Stillwater Cove and underwater research projects performed during the past 20 years at Stillwater



THE ORIGINAL Pacific Grove Museum is included in the many historic and environmental exhibits now on display at the Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove. Museum photo.

Cove by the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, archaeology and geology.

Admission to expansive exhibition, on display through October 20, is free. For more information on the lecture series call the Museum at 648-3116.

Planners shelve zoning law

by Janis Cain

Representatives of New Monterey residents, businesses and developers turned out for Tuesday evening's meeting of the Planning Commission where the question of height restrictions vs. story limitations threatened to alter the character of Cannery Row and Lighthouse Avenue. Following several objections heard during a public hearing, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to postpone action until July 9. Meanwhile, members will clarify the intended outcome of new language proposed for the Zoning Ordinance.

The current legal limit in most commercial and office zones is two stories. As City staff prepared re-wording of zoning laws, however, it became obvious that variances would allow three-story structures. *continued on page 2*

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City Council raises PG Links green fees

By Neill Gardner

Golfers from out of town helped to fill the temporary City Council chambers in the Meals on Wheels Building for the June 5 session. They came to voice their opinion on a proposed fee increase for non-residents.

Before anyone got a chance to talk, it was made clear that Pacific Grove Golf Links is not subsidized by the city. The operation contributed \$180,000 to the general fund last year. Links revenues were \$1.39 million, expenses were \$1.29 million.

Jan Krug, a Pacific Grove resident, told Council it would lose money over the long haul if it substantially increased non-resident fees. She said Council shouldn't be "chasing people away" and invited them to "look at the empty store fronts downtown."

John Holzheimer — whose business card says he is retired but available as a golf partner and for conversation and opinions or investment guessing — said bumping golf fees would be an "awful way to raise a few thousand dollars."

Mayor Sandra Koffman said she thought out-of-town golf club members should pay more than locals.

Councilman Steve Honegger moved to approve the 10 percent golf fee hike, effective July 1. Councilmember Robert Huitt said he doubted that out-of-towners were keeping others off the course.

In the end, Council voted to boost the across the board increase, but sent the non-local increase back to the Golf Course Advisory Committee for study. During the discussion, Pat Herrgott said she had done some arithmetic and concluded that free golf for city employees and officials amounted to a \$68,000 annual subsidy.

In other action, Council:

Recognized Officer Kathy Hale and Eddie Evanko for "quick response which resulted in saving a life."

Heard rebuttal to Councilman Terrence Zito's statement concerning Chamber of Commerce membership data. Honegger told Zito he had two business licenses but only one Chamber membership. Moe Ammar wondered where and when Zito obtained his information.

Backed away from Councilman Vern Yaden's request for an ordinance dealing with noxious weeds.

Discussed making more signs asking folks not to feed wildlife.

Talked about disposition of building on Butterfly Sanctuary property. Heard protest concerning Beacon report that it might be used by PGFD for training ex-

Firefighters warn of backyard hazards

The Grove Fire Department's annual weed abatement surveillance was conducted this week. If your yard was missed, take a look at potential violations and fire hazards such as tall weeds, piles of garden refuse, cuttings and pine needles in the gutters.

The merry month of May took the Grove's firefighters to 115 incidents, including 70 medical calls, but including no reported fires.

Fire department staff conducted five tours of the station for about 50 kids, teaching them basics of fire prevention and how to call for help and what to do when firemen arrive.

Department training last month, according to Chief Glass, emphasized wild-land firefighting safety and survival in view of the heavy dry grass fire hazard brought on by plenty of rain this year.

The department participated in a live burn exercise at Fort Ord which included 38 interior fires followed by a final burn of a two-story building.



FOR THE SECOND year in a row, the postal patrons of the Pacific Grove Post Office have outdone themselves in donating canned foods for the Postal Union's collective efforts to benefit need families. Over 5 tons were collected here, more than any other county P.O.

ercise.

Denied Violette Saoulis' appeal of Architectural Review Board split decision. She wants to remove three eucalyptus trees to make way for a new home at 540 Evergreen Road. Councilman Bob Davis asked City Forester Frank Ono if the trees poison the soil. Ono said Monterey Pines do it too. Davis said he wasn't asking about Monterey Pines. Koffman said she sympathized with the property owner.

Continued for six months water-based subdivision moratorium.

Discussed allocation of Pebble Beach reclaimed water.

Height limits studied

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Sharon Dwight, president of the New Monterey Neighborhood Association, asked the Commissioners to cancel the proposed changes and to respect the Area Plan guidelines. Frank Deangelo, Vice President at Cannery Row Company, agreed, saying the current language should be left alone.

Recently proposed building projects, including a three-story building now under appeal for 121 Lighthouse Avenue, prompted a clarification of allowed heights with a Use Permit and heights requiring a Variance.

Height limitations of 35 feet may translate into much higher rooftops because the rules allow for average height, Dwight told the Beacon. Therefore, if the number of stories increases from two to three, the developer can terrace the stories up an elevation with an average height that falls within the law but encroaches on neighborhood standards.

Volunteers needed

The Pacific Grove Kiwanis Club is seeking more volunteers for the monumental, community-wide effort to repair and restore the bleachers at Pacific Grove High School.

Saturday, June 22nd at 9 am is the time designated for the second phase of this project, which will include building berm, or water barrier, and cleaning out the upper drains to protect the footings. Bring shovels and rakes for about three hours of work.

The combined efforts of the Kiwanis, PG PRIDE, Breaker's Boosters Club, PTA, PG Fire Department and the Rotary Club have already repaired the foundations and poured concrete to strengthened the footings.

Interested volunteers can call Bob Stang at 644-9053, or just show up.

July 4th celebration

An Independence celebration and barbecue has been decreed by City Hall, to be held Thursday, July 4th, at Jewell Park, at Central and Forest Avenues.

Included is a chicken barbecue, musical entertainment, games for the kids and a program of speechmaking honoring American veterans of foreign wars and other military engagements.

The doings will take place between 11am and 2:30pm. Bring \$5 for lunch.

Grove Police blotter

Culled from the recent log at PGPD

Popcorning the Principal, Pacific Grove High School. Unknown person(s) drilled hole in roof of Principal's Office and dropped popcorn into the office. Lots of popcorn.

Illegal Singing, 900 block Crest. Report of loud noise disturbing the peace. Turned out to be occupant singing (poorly) to stereo while he painted interior of his home. After advised of noise complaint, no further problem.

Wayward Tire, 300 block David Avenue at Carrow's parking lot. Runaway tire from undetermined source damaged three vehicles.

Masked Prowlers, 200 block 13th. Possible prowler on the roof found to be raccoons.

Call for Help, 100 block 17th. Cat activated alarm and was subsequently let out by those who responded.

Skateboarding, Lighthouse Avenue & 18th Street. 19-year-old who was previously warned and cited. Cited again.

Helmet Violation. Two 14-year-olds riding bikes without helmets. Warning citations issued.

Vandalism, 1000 block Pacific Grove Lane, two windows smashed with rocks, no witnesses.

Domestic Dispute 500 block Crocker, refused police assistance.

Citizen Assist, 600 block Lighthouse, elderly lady locked out of apartment.

Selective Traffic Enforcement, 17 Mile Drive & Egan Avenue. Monitored intersection due to complaints of stop sign violations. One warning issued.

Spousal Battery, 100 block 10th St. Mutual battery with visible injuries. Female half intoxicated, male half gone on arrival with 6-year-old son.

Warrants, 800 block Marino Pines. Unlicensed driver arrested on \$9,500 in outstanding warrants.

Found Bike, 500 block Granite. Boys 20" bike, 12-speed.

Domestic Dispute, 100 block Forest.

Domestic Dispute, 100 block Central.

Domestic Dispute, 900 block Lighthouse. Male taken into custody for public intoxication and disturbing the peace.

Domestic Dispute 1000 block Forest. Male fled but was captured after foot pursuit. Female complained of head pain but refused medical attention. While booking suspect, a small, hand-rolled cigarette containing substance believed to be marijuana found.

Domestic Dispute, 800 block Sunset Drive. Domestic battery with injuries. Combative male, 37, arrested, would not cooperate with booking, taken to M.C. Jail. Girlfriend went to CHOMP.

Rape, past tense. Subject reported crime happened one year ago.

Public Intoxication, 1000 block Ocean View Blvd. Two 18-year-old females extremely intoxicated, arrested, released to parents of one.

Hit & Run, Beach and Front Streets. Report of hit & run at David & Foam.

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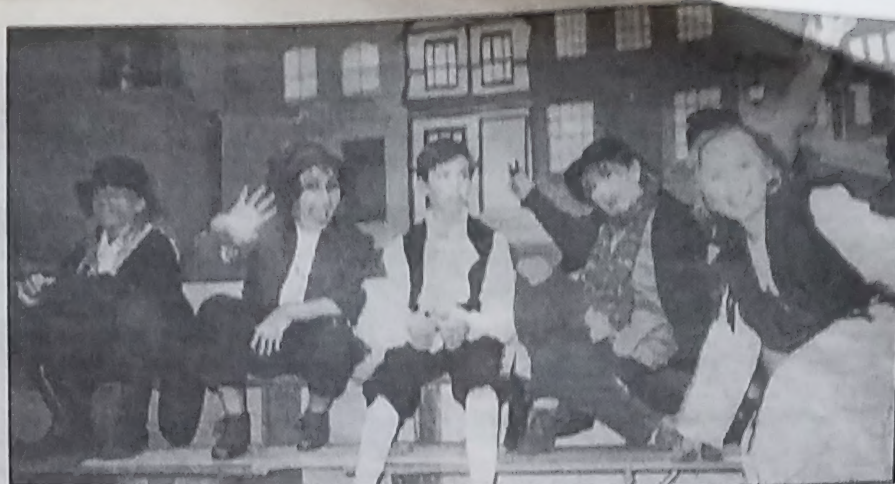
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'OLIVER,' a production staged recently by thespians at Forest Grove School, played to full houses. Cast members included (from left) Toby Skydecker as Bill Sykes, Goleyar Karimnouri as Artful Dodger, Nicholas Villareal as Oliver, Ashley Brewer as Fagin, Elizabeth Brown as Nancy and Jason Rutt as Charlie. Photo by Melanie Winchester.

Forest Grove's *Oliver* played well

Review by Melanie Winchester

An extraordinary theater company has wrapped a limited engagement of an acclaimed production, *Oliver*. The final performance, May 31, was a night to remember.

Adapted by Lane Dowlen, this *Oliver* revival was produced and powerfully directed by Nate Piotrkowski with a musical score performed superbly by LaRene Kauffman.

Oliver was elaborately staged with magical sets (skillfully placed by the stage crew) and splendid costumes. Many of the sets and costumes were handmade by parents and students.

Oliver was movingly acted by Forest Grove fifth graders. The ageless songs were charmingly sung by the remarkably versatile cast and crew.

The choreography was terrific. The orphans were energetic and lively, the pickpockets irresistible. A fine actor and singer, Nicholas Villareal, played the role of Oliver. Jeff Anderson and Sheila Bloomer portrayed Mr. and Mrs. Bumble with showy aplomb. Ashley Brewer played Fagin skillfully and humorously and favored the audience with her rich voice. Elizabeth Brown, as Nancy, brought freshness and vitality to the part, along with her lovely voice.

Goleyar Karimnouri portrayed the Art-

ful Dodger magnificently with a cockney accent. Toby Skydecker was terrific as a villainous Bill Sykes.

Matt Cool was memorable in the character of kind Mr. Brownwell. Jamie Uretsky and Chris Fugitt played Mr. and Mrs. Sowerberry with invention and wit. There was great depth in the cast, from the appealing Beth and Sally to the Village People and Pub Patrons. Their timing was perfect.

The evening flew by in a flash of splendor. The house rocked with laughter and applause. It was — in a word — Magnificent. Hats off to everyone who had a hand in this exciting production.

(This mock review was read to the student performers at their cast party. The three fifth grade classes at Forest Grove School performed for their fellow students, parents, friends and relatives during four performances.)

Needy kids get help on Driver's Ed fees

by Janis Cain

Pacific Grove Youth Action has made it possible for 10 PG High School students to get hands-on drivers education experience by awarding \$1,000 in scholarships.

P G H S Principal Carl Black says students pay \$100 each for the behind-the-wheel training they receive from Elischer's Driving Instruction school. Such training was included in the school curriculum until the state eliminated those expenditures from the school budget in 1988.

Youth Action worked with sponsor, AutoWeek Magazine to raise money for the scholarships. The next event is set for August 16, the Friday before the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. "The AutoWeek Road Show" is expected to raise more than \$10,000.

Youth Action was assembled four years ago by then Mayor Jeanne Byrne as a committee to restore the Youth Center to the kids.

"Many of us were concerned," she recalled "about kids on the street." The group organized as an outside funding source for the Youth Center building. Free from City budget fluctuations and politics, it has since expanded to assist the driving program.

The instruction, Byrne said, produces better, safer drivers and helps students get and keep a job.



Jeanne Byrne

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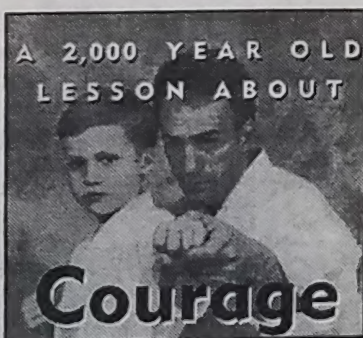
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CINDY LEE, M.D. visited Forest Grove School for Career Days. Here she tells students what it's like to practice family medicine. School photo

Kids study jobs at Forest Grove event

What do you want to be when you grow up? Children in grades 1-5 at Forest Grove School studied future options at the May 29 Career Day event.

Over 30 parents, community members and interested workers came to the school to share information about their jobs and to answer questions.

Among those taking part were doctors, lawyers, writers, sheriffs, policemen, firemen, a sportscaster, a mayor, a veterinarian and a superintendent.

Questions from the students included those on the decision to choose one job over another, what each does on a typical work day, what sort of training is required and how much money one could expect to be paid.

Wells Fargo bank grants schools \$5,000

by Janis Cain

Julie Uretsky says the \$5,000 grant she netted from her proposal to Wells Fargo Bank had as much to do with networking as with how she wrote the grant.

A mother of three students, Uretsky is employed by the City of Pacific Grove and is also a student at CSUMB. She wrote the grant for school credits, but credits the help of another parent for its success.

Sandi Eason is Vice President of the Business Banking Division at Wells Fargo. Also a mother of three students, she was the on-sight connection.

What it takes is someone from within

the company to make a pitch for the request, Uretsky noted. Wells Fargo receives some 200 requests for funding per month, state wide.

With 2,500 students in the District, many opportunities exist for parents to suggest sources for contributions and grants.

"This is a perfect example of how individual efforts make the public/private partnership work," said interim Superintendent Jay Cobb.

Republican Women award scholarships

Becky Stotzer of Pacific Grove High was one of three recipients of the Monterey Bay Republican Women Federated Scholarships.

The Scholarship Committee received thirteen applications and essays from local high school seniors on the Monterey Peninsula. Three awards were given, based on a written essay titled "Why I'm Proud to be an American," along with a resume of the student's activities, interests, and career goals.

Other winners were Arianne Bautista of Carmel High and Aaron Rowden of North Monterey County High.

Connie Perry, Scholarship Committee, acknowledged the many well thought out essays and also commended the essays and applications of PGHS entrant Monette Gabriell; Alicia Haines of Robert Louis Stevenson; Julie Lundy of Carmel High; Luna Phillips of Monterey High; Greg Smith of Seaside High; and Christina Underwood, Carrie Plescia, Molly O'Hara, Anthony Pedroni, and Jana Cain of North Monterey County High.



PROACTIVE PARENTS. Interim Superintendent of Schools Jay Cobb accepts a \$5,000 grant from Wells Fargo Bank Vice President and mother of three PG students, Sandi Eason, right. City employee Julie Uretsky, also a mother of three students, wrote the successful grant, networking with Eason. Photo by Janis Cain



MALE CALL'S third baseman Josh Williams took a good throw from his catcher Jimmy Moran and nails Cypress' baserunner Lee Stansbury during league play last week. Beacon photo by Jon Grant.

Apria, Male Call duel in PG Bronco League

by Jon Grant

Apria rose to the occasion of knocking Male Call out of contention for first place by beating them 4 to 3 last Friday. Led by the excellent pitching of Tristan Kadish and Jason Plunk, Apria was able to pull off the upset. Together those two aces struck out 11 Male Call batters.

Hitting three for three for Apria were both Mark Banks and Danny Draper. The leading hitter for Male Call was Danny Montanez who was two for two with two walks.

Male Call jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when Casey Flannery scored on a balk. Neither team scored in the second, but in the top of the third, Apria scored twice. Thomas Roberts led off the inning and was batted in by Michael Brusuelas, and Josh Prochaska-Saglio walked and scored on Jason Plunk's two-out single. Male Call tied it up in the bottom of the third and went ahead in the fourth when Sean Connors walked, stole around to third, and scored on Jose Williams' ground out to short. The fifth and sixth innings went by scorelessly, thanks to great clutch pitching by Apria's Dusty Hare and Tristan Kadish.

In the top of the seventh, with one out, Apria's Mark Banks lined the first pitch into right field for a double. Then back-to-back singles by Kadish and Draper put Apria up 4-3.

After catching the whole game, Apria's Ryan McReynolds came to the mound to do his best Rod Beck impersonation in the bottom of the seventh. It got interesting. McReynolds struck out the first batter, but then gave up three consecutive singles to Hare, Flannery, and Montanez. Male Call had now loaded the bases for the third straight inning. McReynolds then bore down and struck out the next two Male Call batters to win this game in which Male Call stranded 16 base runners.

Many agreed this was perhaps the best game of the season at George Washington Park. The lone error of the game came in the first inning when Sean

Kilpatrick's hard grounder got through the Apria second baseman.

In the rematch the next day, Male Call jumped out to a three run lead and withstood a last inning rally to defeat Apria 6-5. Mark Banks had another great game for Apria at the plate going three-for-three with a walk. Banks slugged out a combined six for six with three doubles during the two-game series. Daniel Montanez was the winning pitcher for Male Call.



76er's win rubber match with Silveira

by Mary Draper

The combined pitching of Unocal 76er's Ben Harbert, Tucker Vernon, and Robert Maclean against Silveira Construction moundwork by Bryan Gage and Mark Favela kept fans on the edge of their seats at Arnett Park last Saturday.

The timely hitting by the 76er's gave them the edge over Silveira Construction., who put on a late winning charge in the last inning (with bases loaded and two outs) that was foiled when a fly ball hit to shallow right field was caught by Ben Draper, sealing the win.

Leading hitters were Unocal 76er's Abram Silva, batting 2 for 2, along with Tucker Vernon and Nick Silveira both hitting 2 for 3. The Game ended with a score of 11-7.

Mustang League Standings 6/8/96

Team	W	L	T
UnoCal	12	2	0
Troia Ice	10	4	0
Silveira	09	5	0
KCCN TV	07	7	1
Grove Market	05	8	0
Round Table	04	8	1

Racquet Review SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

by Matthew A. Foote

The 1996 Morris Dill Tennis Courts Summer Tennis Camp begins June 17 and runs through the summer. This is an intensive tennis camp for juniors aimed at learning and perfecting the basics of forehands, backhands, serves, volleys, scorekeeping, and sportsmanship.

Just as important is making sure the children have a great time and a wonderful positive experience with tennis in order to instill the idea that tennis can be a fun, lifelong skill. Our morning session runs 9am-12pm for beginning juniors. Kids also have the option of staying until 2pm for non-tennis related games and activities for no charge. Intermediate kids come 3pm-6pm and have the option of playing a match each day before class.

Our Spring Break Tennis Camp was an overwhelming success and our summer camp will utilize the same format while being honed down to only the best, most

useful, and most fun activities. I guarantee the kids will have a great time!!! Call 648-3129 for information.

The results from the 1996 Tournament of Points are in. The following is a list of the placings and their prizes:

1st—Mike Wolfner—\$169 Wilson Racquet, Trophy, 1 hour private lesson.

2nd—Scott Kostyshak—\$129 Gamma Racquet, Trophy, 1 hour private lesson.

3rd—Kol Schaefer—\$69 Gamma Racquet, Trophy, 1 hour private lesson.

4th—John Soares—Free String Job, Free Grip, 1/2 hour private lesson, trophy.

The kids worked extremely hard earning points practicing, playing matches, cleaning up around the facility, and keeping great attitudes. I'm tremendously proud and would like to congratulate all who participated.

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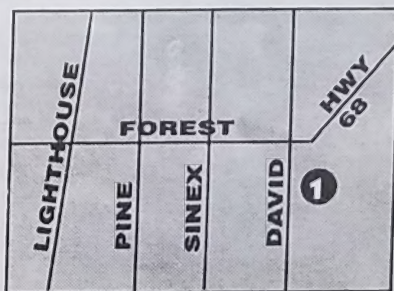
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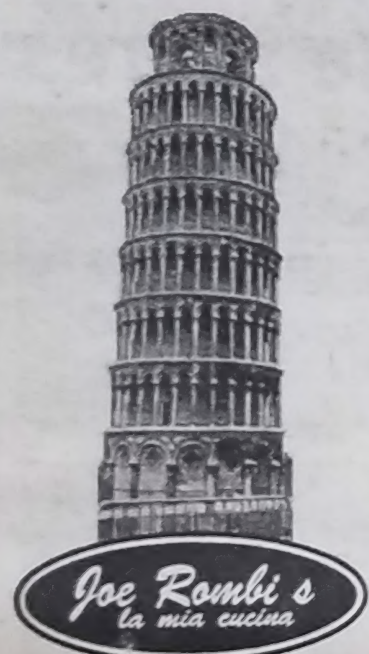
Students earn cash prizes in Young Entrepreneur contest

ARCHITECTS OF winning business plans, these students were winners in the Chamber's Young Entrepreneur Awards Contest. From left are Pearl Skeens, Sarah Ragent, Sean Sullivan, John

Flores, a family member, Harpist Amy Krupski, Marisa Boyns and family members, Cheryl Wightman (High School advisor), and Heather Nichols with her younger sister (in front) and mom (at right).

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Imagination and enterprise shown in student business plans

by Rebecca Riddell

The Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce's Young Entrepreneur Awards were presented last Saturday night, completing an educational program designed to stimulate interest in business by Pacific Grove's youth.

Each business plan outlined the details of starting a business with \$500, or any amount that the student shows can be raised in addition to the start-up capital.

With the description of product or service, the business plans included marketing strategies, analysis of competition, legal aspects, financing and sales projections, overhead and operating expenses, as well as optional support materials such as product samples.

Students had the option to operate the business as a sole proprietorship or as a partnership. Plans were reviewed by Chamber members and judged for cash prizes.

The 1996 winners are:

HIGH SCHOOL

1st Place - \$350 Cash Award: Heather Nichols, Nicole Tumperov and Rianna Favaloro for production and sales of picnic baskets.

2nd Place - \$75 Cash Award: Sean Sullivan and John Flores for a tub cleaning service.

ing service.

3rd Place - \$50 Cash Award: Justin E. Cooper for a kayak rental business.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

First Place - \$250 Cash Award: Rosie Blanchard, Mitchell Dallas, Thomas Chavarria, Mark Banks, Sara Ragent, Rosie Deford, Alan Smith, Melissa Heydeman, Henry Hernandez, Nina Montano, Leo Tyspkin, Pearl Skeens and Michelle Flint for a Middle School Patio Store.

2nd Place - \$75 Cash Award: Marisa Boyns for a bead business.

3rd Place - \$50 Cash Award: Amanda Fay for a candle store.

The Chamber received enthusiastic support from the schools involved in this program. Cheryl Wightman, teacher of the High School's Business Career Path, said, "This project helps students to get an overview of how business works and will complement what they have already learned in Introduction to Business first semester." Many of her students submitted entries.

The judging committee was lead by Tom Long of Payroll Partner. Judges were Charles Mudd, ServiceMaster; Tom McKinney, State Farm Insurance; Marie Perucca-Ramirez, Fishwife Restaurants; Gene Palermo, Bookworks; and Lisa Esterbrook, CoMerica Bank.

Generous donations were made to the YEA! Program by Country Club Gate Center, the Holman Building, Fine Print, the Butterfly Grove Inn, Hal Green Ocean View Veterinary Hospital, CoMerica Bank, Russell Service Center, Sunset Leather, Ernie's Signs, Pierson Security Systems, ARI Irrigation, GaSan Korean Restaurant, dd design, Spanish Bay Galleries, and Manu-Teh.

For information about Young Entrepreneur Awards call Rebecca Riddell, 646-0351 or Jan Hanson, 372-2749.

New Monterey Newsbriefs

Carl Outzen, owner of the Kinko's building, has now completed plans for the mixed use complex he's building at Lighthouse and McClellan, site of the failed proposal for a McDonalds drive-through business. Outzen's waiting for approval from the City to proceed with his plans for commercial use on the street level and apartments upstairs. See page 1 for zoning questions.

Cary Norman's Can-Tron manufacturing business will soon move from Lighthouse in PG to the 700 block of Lighthouse in New Monterey. Interior walls were constructed over the past several days and Norman expects to be up and running before July.

Kathi DeMaria, president of the New Monterey Business Association, reports that Lighthouse Avenue has a new dining spot. The **Loose Noodle**, she says is a gem, with fine food and an attractive remodeling job completed by the owner.

Another new business opened on Lighthouse is a trendy tattoo parlor. Meanwhile, DeMaria says, the area needs a shoe store.

Tac Kwon Do has changed locations, moving from rented space at Prescott and Lighthouse to the building they recently purchased and enlarged in the 200 blk of Lighthouse.

Is a new thrift shop destined for Lighthouse? DeMaria says maybe; it would be the third in a row.

And, there's been a change of owners at the **Peacock Bar & Grill**.

First project finished by NMBA initiative

by Janis Cain

A new traffic light, at Lighthouse and Dickman is up an running, the culmination of efforts by the New Monterey Business Association.

"This is the first major project to be completed by the City," NMBA President Kathi DeMaria told the Beacon. The Association had allocated \$200,000 for two new traffic lights, but the City performed the job with in-house crew, for a savings of \$100,000.

Future use of the remaining funds has yet to be determined, but will most likely involve projects to improve traffic flow in New Monterey.

In addition to funds contributed by New Monterey businesses, proceeds from the NMBA's first Festival will provide additional improvements. Scheduled for July 13-14th in Scholze Park, the event will include upscale vendors from both in and outside the area.

Those interested in reserving space should call Jane Harder, manager of both the NMBA and the Old Monterey Business Association. Locals will have first priority in vendor reservations.

The next meeting of the NMBA is Wednesday, June 19, upstairs at 499 El Dorado St.

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Lions Club dedication set for park project

George Washington Park has undergone major improvements including rebuilt picnic tables, memorial benches, new signs, and accommodations for wheelchairs.

The Pacific Grove Host Lions Club took on the Community Project to make the picnic area at the park accessible to persons with mobility disabilities. Dedication is set for Thursday, June 20 at noon.

Handicapped parking is now available on Sinex Avenue, with curb cuts leading to a compressed decomposed granite pathway. The pathway leads to a new barbecue area with two new picnic tables designed for people in wheelchairs. This same pathway leads to the children's playground area, and to a baseball viewing area which is also wheelchair accessible. Three new memorial park benches have been installed in the baseball viewing area.

The Lions Club reports expenditures to date of about \$10,000 on the project.

Among the contributors of time and/or materials to complete the project were Pacific Gas and Electric, Miller Concrete, Gretchen Flesher Architects, Councilman Bob Davis, Public Works Director Butch Andrews, the PG Public Works Department, the City of Pacific Grove, and special thanks to Granite Construction Company.

Real Estate Transactions

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1069 MORSE DRIVE: \$315,000
Joe P. Lima to Michael D. & Lori D. Stroup.

1129 BEACON AVENUE:
\$379,000, James & Lucie Campos to Marc C. & Brenda J. Mizgorski.

231 PINE AVENUE: \$395,000,
Robert H. & Claudia T. Roux III to Hector A. & Brooke B. Prestera.

ABOUT TOWN

About Town

THEATRE

Dad day afternoon. A Father's Day performance of "Box and Cox" is set for Sunday at the **Unicorn Theatre**, 320 Hoffman Avenue, New Monterey, at noon and again at 2 pm. A local favorite, this Victorian comedy runs for one hour, and is a benefit production, with proceeds designated for maintenance of the Theatre. Call 649-0259 for reservations and information.

Jake's Women. Neil Simon's latest comedy hit is scheduled for 7 pm Sundays, June 16, 23, and 30 at Hoffman Playhouse in New Monterey. Call 649-0259 for reservations and information.

ART

Artists **Anita Benson, Jack Cassinotto, Nikki B. Davis, Peggy Olsen, Candace Gladstone-Campbell, William Rushton, Cheryl Trotter** and others are now exhibiting a variety of work in celebration of California's diversified landscape at the **Artists Forum Gallery**, 309 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove. Contemporary visions from late 19th and early 20th century styles are featured, such as tonalism and impressionism, through August. Call 375-4-ART.

The Rouge: Photographs by Michael Kenna and a **Juried Exhibition** highlighting over 90 regional artists are the two new exhibits now at the **Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art**, 559 Pacific St., Monterey, celebrating the opening of the Buck Education Center tonight, Friday, June 14. The public is invited to stroll through the galleries while listening to music provided by flutist **Kenny Stahl** in a jazz trio.

Marcia DeVoe's photographs of the Old Monterey Preservation Society's work in retrofitting the **Cooper-Molera Adobe Pre-1865 Garden** is held over until the end of the month at the **Museum of Natural History**, Pacific Grove. DeVoe helped in the restoration and photographed the various stages of the project.

Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation members have a mixed media showing now underway at the **Galeria de la Paz**, 582 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove. Call 372-4544 for details.

Images of Pacific Grove, the mixed media exhibit by David S. Mullally, runs through June 30 at the Vest Pocket Gallery. Call 657-5200 for information.

Call of the Red Cape, a collection of fine art photography by Robin Rosenzweig, will run through June 30 at Raven in the Grove, 505 Lighthouse Avenue. Call 649-6057 for information.

American artist Thomas Kinkade will be at his easel Sunday, June 16, from 1 to 3 pm at his **Kinkade Gallery in the Steinbeck Plaza**, 685 Cannery Row, Building 1. Kinkade's stunning plein-air styling, including a painting of Lover's Point, will soon be published.

Donna Brough's **"Southwest Impressions"** and Alexander Prokpenko's figurative sculpture in bronze and marble is on exhibit through June 21 in the Gill Gallery, Pacific Grove Art Center.

Lyndi Angermeier's **California Landscapes** of plein-air paintings in oil are hung in the Dyke Gallery, PG Art Center, through June 21.

Kathleen Daywalt's **"California Influence"** paintings are in the Boyer Gallery, PG Art Center through June 21.

Douglas Steakley's **Images of Mexico** photos are featured in the Photo Gallery, PG Art Center through June 21.

Barking at the Moon, featuring prints by Picasso, Rouault, Miro, Chagal and Severini is showing now at the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art, 559 Pacific St., Monterey.

DANCE

Alice in Wonderland will be performed by more than 125 students from Linda Fisher Ballet during their annual Spring Student Concert on Sunday, June 16, at 1 pm and again at 3:30 pm at the Monterey Conference Center's Steinbeck Forum. In addition, advanced students will perform selected variations from the traditional ballet repertoire, including solos and pas de deux from **Don Quixote, Les Sylphides, Giselle** and **Sleeping Beauty**. Call 375-1651 for information.

Ballet Fantasque of the Monterey Peninsula performs its Summer ExtravaDanza tomorrow, Saturday, June 22 at 8 pm in the Steinbeck Forum, Monterey Conference Center. Highlights include **"Fairy Tales on Parade"** and **"Dancers of the Pharaoh"** set to the music of Yanni and others. Oakland Ballet guest artist **David Henry** will be featured in the evening's program, which is funded in part by the Cultural Council for Monterey County. Call 372-0388.



Pacific Grove Dining Guide

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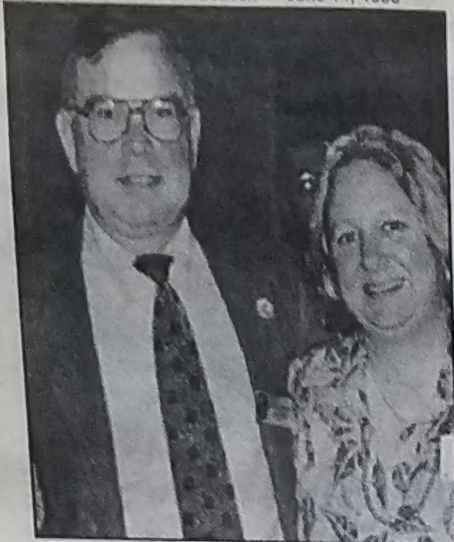
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ENTREPRENEUR of the year was given to Gerry and Sally Sirocky, for their contribution to the City's business community through their expansion of PG's Hallmark store.



CHARLIE HIGUERA, the Chamber's man of the year, was added to the list of honorees on the perpetual trophy for the Jim Hughes Community Service Award. Assemblyman Bruce McPherson (left) also brought Charlie, partner in the Grove Market, a resolution from the State Legislature honoring his long dedication to his home town.



TRIATHLON Pacific Grove, a first annual event staged here last summer was recognized with an award to its PG resident team of directors, Betsy and Terry Davis.

Chamber honors Higuera and thanks committee leaders

Story and photos by Eric Colby

Few Pacific Grove residents are distinguished as members of California families whose ancestry here pre-dates the European discovery of the Western Hemisphere by Cristobol Colon.

As Charlie Higuera's great, great grandparents watched the Spanish Catholic Franciscan clerics lead the transformation of the prevailing lifestyle of Monterey and San Benito Counties, they might well have wondered if any of their progeny would live to see the 21st Century.

Happily Pacific Grove is home to people whose blood knows the stillness

of a culture at peace with the Universe, whose spiritual orientation was characterized by devotion to community.

And one of those individuals was honored last Saturday evening by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce as a man whose devotion and service to his community is above self.

Charlie Higuera, a partner with Dwight Langley in the Grove Market, and known widely in the community for his generosity and help, was given the James Hughes Community Service Award.

Nadine Annand tells you more about Charlie in her column "Club Corner" in this issue.

Showing appreciation to its members, directors of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce presented 21 awards to its hard-working committee chairmen and others in the community whose work enhanced chamber activity.

Plaques were given during the annual installation dinner to the following committee chairpersons by out-going President Erma Dinkel to wit:

Shannon Scott, PG Harvest Festival; Richard Stillwell, Snow at the Park; Nancy Eadington, Burst of Spring; Jerry McIntire, Good Old Days; Jan Hanson, Auction Party, Good Old Days, Member Economic Revitalization;

Esther Trosow, Steinbeckian Croquet Tournament; Terry and Betsy Davis, PG Triathlon;

Craig and Rebecca Riddell, Young Entrepreneur Awards; Dick Siedenzhal, Good Old Days Parade; Sandy Randazzo, Good Old Days BBQ;

Todd Loomis, Economic Revitalization; Gerry Sirocky, Economic Revitalization; Hank Armstrong, Time to Coast Promotion; Robert Huitt, Council/Chamber Liaison;

Erma Dinkel, president; Paul Finnegan, retiring director; Julie Keister, chief ambassador; and Connie Perry, Good Old Days.



RETIRING President Erma Dinkel handed the gavel over to the Chamber's stoic but witty incoming President Jerry McIntire, innkeeper at the Rosedale Inn, who left the post-operative recovery room at CHOMP to take over reigns in what he predicted would be the busiest year yet for the Chamber.



GRAND PRIZE winners of the Chamber's Young Entrepreneur Award contest this year went to the architects of the business plan for "Tiskit A Taskit." Chamber board member Jan Hansen (right) presents \$350 cash award to partners (from left) Heather Nichols and Rianna Favaloro. Their third partner Nichole Tumpervov was not able to attend. This was the second year of the Chamber sponsorship.



Councilman Robert Huitt won a prize for spending the most time with Chamber Manager Moe Ammar (right) during the last year. Huitt was Chamber Liaison officer.

Sirockys named Entrepreneurs of the Year

Commentary by Eric Colby

It was a comfortable evening at the former Forest Hill Hotel on Gibson Street last Saturday night. The gracious coffered ceilings and wood-paneled walls effused remembrances of good taste, generosity and noble accomplishment.

The residents who have retired and live in what is now Forest Hill Manor were hosts to the Grove's Chamber of Commerce annual dinner held in their dining room. And they deserve thanks for our privilege of enjoying their hospitality.

It was a beautiful setting for thanks giving, of which Chamber directors did a lot. Among the many plaques for volunteer service were a few awarded for meritorious achievement.

Gerry and Sally Sirocky were recognized as "Entrepreneurs of the Year" for their service to the entire community in providing quality merchandise, expansion of employment opportunities for residents, and for enabling local shoppers to keep their sales taxes working for them as municipal revenues for their own city.

Hank Armstrong, marketing director of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, got an award for "Creative Leadership" for his

role in a superb video visitor promotion called "Time to Coast."

Don Whitsett, retired contractor and YMCA director and volunteer, was named "Volunteer of the Year" for his indefatigable work for the Chamber and youth organizations.

Warren Lewis was awarded the title of "Ambassador of the Year" for his individual effort in soliciting new members in the Chamber of Commerce, which is the City's largest organization with over 400 members.

If there are virtues of a small town they are definitely the work, money, and devotion that members of its business community give, providing both the revenues and muscle to bring quadruple benefits to City residents.

Their volunteerism provides entertainment and enjoyment. Their Chamber of Commerce provides leadership and planning to promote the growth of business taxes that generate 43% of this town's General Fund income. Their investment in business provides local employment, goods and services, and convenience to City residents. And their constant financial donations support the activities of local clubs and organizations who could

not function as effectively as they do without donations from local business.

About 10 years ago, the city council was run by folks who were never a part of its business community and had no understanding of how important a thriving business community is to the essential revenue required to support a city. Among actions they took to show their disdain for commerce was a change in the city charter, designating Pacific Grove as a "City of Homes," as though they thought a bedroom community could magically support a municipal government without any need of commerce.

Despite the obstacles, the town's business has not died, and newer enlightened blood on the City Council has been making an effort to understand that it must cooperate with and re-invest income from business to help promote its continued success as the chief provider of municipal revenue.

Members of your business community, and especially members of the Chamber of Commerce, (evidenced by its expression of community support through its awards this year) are the pro-active, constructive and devoted supporters of our town.



A fresh face

SURPRISE of the evening was the arrival of the four-day old grandson of outgoing President Erma Dinkel. The baby arrived from the hospital for a late evening appearance to mingle with the other VIPs.

Club Corner

by Nadine Annand

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

The butcher, the baker, and all the others who have benefited from his generosity and friendship through the years — and who sent in their reservations in time — saluted Charlie Higuera as Outstanding Citizen for 1996.

This honor is bestowed by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce and was first made to Dr. Jim Hughes who was on hand to present the plaque to Charlie.

Several of his longtime friends spoke in his praise, including Alex Rodriguez and Richard Stillwell. Classmate and next door neighbor when he was manager of Coast Federal Bank, Morrie Fisher was Master of Ceremonies. Charlie, co-owner of Grove Market with Dwight Langley, is well known for putting on great barbecues and for never saying no when asked for a donation, door prize, etc.

Top athlete at Pacific Grove High School, Charlie has supported anything and everything that is school connected.

Charlie's family was all there for the evening, as well as city officials. Charlie didn't mind sharing a bit of the evening with Ashley Dinkel, four-day-old granddaughter of outgoing P.G. Chamber President Erma Dinkel, probably the youngest guest ever to attend the annual event.

Jerry McIntire was installed as the 1996-97 Chamber President. A real highlight of the program was the awarding of cash recognition to the Young Entrepreneurs of Pacific Grove Middle School and Pacific Grove High School. A total of \$1,000 was divided into several categories.

This encouragement program is an inspiration for both creative and financial future careers and is promoted by the P.G. Chamber. Chairman Tom Long spoke on the advantage and success of this program and wished all winners well. Not to be outdone, chairs for Chamber of Commerce activities for the year were given plaques and kudos.

Newsbriefs

Gentlemen, start your blenders. Cooking classes for men will be offered at the YWCA of the Monterey Peninsula on Wednesday, June 26.

Angelo Buffone, "Chef Extraordinaire!" will prove men can cook, too. Buffone, using his creative approach to cooking, will teach men to prepare appetizers and desserts. Sampling the fare will be part of the evening!

Men are invited, and women are encouraged to attend also. Enrollment is limited. Call Barbara Davies, Program Director, for reservations and information. 649-0834.

Radar in Pebble Beach. Monterey County Sheriff's Department deputies have begun using radar equipment to enforce speed limits within Del Monte Forest.

The residential limit of 25 mph, is enforced as a deterrent to speed-related accidents.

In addition to pedestrians, roads in the Forest are also susceptible to animals, including deer, raccoon, opossum and quail, who are moving out from their birthing areas with their young.

Teenage girls meet. The YWCA of the Monterey Peninsula offers a group for teenage girls to discuss feelings and talk about what's up with school pressure, parents, teen life, put-downs and personal attacks.

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The Challenge tennis event set for Pebble Beach

Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Yannick Noah and Andres Gomez will compete at The Beach & Tennis Club, Pebble Beach, when The Challenge tennis event returns June 20-23.

Grand prize money totals \$325,000 for this special event of the Champions Tour for players 35 years of age and older. The winner will earn \$150,000.

During the inaugural match, Jimmy Connors defeated John McEnroe 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 during an exciting final. Other participants included Bjorn Borg and Guillermo Vilas in singles play, and John Lloyd, Johan Kriek, Marty Riessen, and Sherwood Stewart in doubles play.

Televised nationally on ABC Sports, The Challenge proceeds will benefit Kinship Center, a private, non-profit agency in Monterey which provides foster care and adoption services for children.

Doubles exhibition matches will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday with other Champions Tour players. The format for the event is single elimination, best two-out-of-three set matches.

PG youths get inside look at future jobs

Juniors and seniors from Pacific Grove High School participated in 15 hours of "job shadowing" their mentors through the Pebble Beach Company's Shadowship Program.

Mentors from various departments within the Real Estate Division and the Golf Department allowed students to gain insight into the everyday challenges and rewards of a chosen profession or related field of interest.

The program was the result of combined efforts from PG High School Principal Carl Black and the Pebble Beach Company Human Resources and Environmental Outreach departments.

Aquarium summer season good for kids

Special summer programs and longer summer hours, plus the new \$57 million Outer Bay galleries, mean there's more to see and do than ever at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Special summer programs include daily tidepool talks, scuba dress-ups for kids, marine mammal and bat ray Discovery Stations; a jellyfish craft room for kids; children's music, storytelling and video presentations in the auditorium; and other surprises.

Local families can also take advantage of the special WAVE shuttle, catching the bus at various waterfront visitor destinations in Pacific Grove and Monterey. Kids and seniors ride all day for 50 cents, other pay \$1. Call 899-2555 for shuttle information.

Through Sept. 2, the Aquarium is open from 9 am to 6 pm daily. Call 648-4888 for general information.

Teenage suspect

A 16-year-old Pebble Beach youth who allegedly made threats against Pacific Grove High School administrators was arrested June 5.

Alerted to the possibility the youth may have a weapon, the PGHS campus was closed when the suspect was spotted on the school grounds.

No weapon was found and the youth was cited for trespassing. The arrest was the culmination of an officer safety alert issued by Monterey Police Department.



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Disciples of Christ of Pacific Grove, (Christian Church), 442 Central. Adult Bible study 9:30 am. Worship Service (including Children's Sunday School) 11am. *Pastor Richard Niell Donovan.* 372-0363

First Church of God 1023 David Ave., Pacific Grove. Sunday school at 9:45 am. Worship at 11 am. Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 pm. Youth Nite Friday at 6:30 pm. *Pastor Tim Doramus.* 372-5005

Believers Christian Center 515 Junipero Ave., (at the Community Center) Pacific Grove. Sunday morning worship 10am. *Pastor Lenorse Williams.* 656-9446

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KAZU's got the blues — all day

Today, June 14th, KAZU 90.3 FM will pre-empt regular programming from 9 am until 10 pm for the fourth annual Bluesday.

Bluesday will feature recordings made at last year's Monterey Bay Blues Festival, interviews with artists appearing at this year's festival, live in-studio guests, and more.

KAZU has been recording and airing portions of the Monterey Bay Blues Festival since 1990. Tapes of Clarence Carter, Denise La Salle, Paulette and Power Blues Band, Duke Robillard, Kenny Neal, Big Daddy Kinsey, Charles Brown, Brownie McGhee, and Charlie Musselwhite will be aired today. The digital recordings were made especially for KAZU and are unavailable anywhere else.

Three of these tapes were used for a two-hour program produced by KAZU and picked up by over 30 stations nationwide. Titled "Blues by the Bay: Highlights from the 1995 Monterey Bay Blues Festival," it was the first nationally distributed KAZU production in more than four years.

KAZU is a non-commercial, member supported radio for the Central Coast and features fifteen hours of blues per week. Bluesday will serve as a kick off celebration for the 1996 Monterey Bay Blues Festival.

More names added to contributor list for \$100,000 target

PG PRIDE has set a \$100,000 goal for the Pacific Grove Unified School District fund drive. Many of those making contributions are doing so in lieu of the failed \$35 Parcel Tax from last fall's election.

The tax-deductible gifts may be designated for libraries, science, technology, music, or the general budget. For information on how to make your contribution, call 373-2891.

The most recent contributors to Pacific Grove schools include:

Peter Bolton & Marsha Zeitlin, \$35;
Bruce & Paula Bevacqua, \$100;
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Andrew & Karen Sheppard, \$35;
John Kennedy, \$35;
Eric & Joan Rodewald III, \$35;
Gary & Alice Hughes, \$35.

City newsbriefs

Bikes and boat. At press time, the City of Pacific Grove Bicycle Advisory Committee was discussing the placement of the Swan Boat near the Recreation Trail at Lover's Point and also the placement of bicycle racks in the downtown area.

Youth Center. Estimated ribbon cutting date for the new Youth Center is Sept. 14. The City reports construction is continuing at a swift pace.

The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop is accepting donations of cookbooks and kitchen items for their Annual Kitchen and Cookbook Sale to be held Saturday, July 20th.

The shop is located in the Country Club Gate Shopping Center in Pacific Grove, with store hours Monday through Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and on Saturdays until 4 pm.

Donations are tax deductible and they help fund the Society's programs of cancer research, education and service to cancer patients and their families. Call 372-0866 for details.



ART ALEXANDER of the PG Kiwanis Club surveys boards to be removed at the High School bleachers. The club, with the help of many volunteers, has restored foundation piers, drainage and seats to give rooters a safe place to holler. One more work party to finish the job is scheduled Saturday, June 22 at 9 am. If you can help please show up.

Other people's business

by Eric Colby

Alpha Gifts and Stationery at 221 Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove, has announced that it now delivers orders to commercial accounts at no extra charge. Deliveries are made between 2-5pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If you phone or FAX your order by 1pm, it will be delivered the same day. Now that's gotta be a first!

Chiropractor Stan Mellin, who's beginning his third year of work in Pacific Grove, was voted Best Chiropractor in Monterey County this March by an annual Coast Weekly readers' poll. I probably don't identify with the average Coast Weekly reader, but I also believe that Stan is the best; and I've been "adjusted" by a few.

What sets Stan apart is his "deep tissue" massage first (deep tissue means a powerful rub in the knotted muscles) that extends the muscles to a position closer to normal so that your bones can be moved back where they belong. To me, my muscles are just like abalones. With stress they become knots. And if you've dived for abalone you know what you have to do to make them relax before supper. Well, Stan doesn't use a two by four. But, afterward you'll feel like he did something fundamental to your frame that was not only worth the money; it'll make you want more next week.

Honor Gallagher-Small, a Pacific Grove resident licensed real estate agent, has joined the Carmel Center Place office of Coldwell Banker as a Realtor/Sales Associate. Previously she owned an interiorscape business called Honor Among Leaves.

Endorphin Productions of Pacific Grove, currently in production of the film director/producer Bob Franco's (also of Pacific Grove) "California P.I." detective movie, has now added television commercial production to its list of services. Also coming up for release soon is "Sanctuary: Monterey Bay Underwater" by local diver-videographer Steve Loomis, "The Last Cheetah" by Robert Blaisdell and "Cannery Row - The Way it Was," narrated by Ann-Margret. The company's first video release, "Big Sur, The Way it Was," by Robert Blaisdell (a local and a regular at Wildberries) is the lost film

from the 60's they rescued from obscurity last summer with Henry Miller and Doug McClure. Since its release last July, the video is approaching the 2,000 mark in sales locally and in the Bay Area.

Bookmark at 307 Forest Avenue will be a venue in July for events celebrating National Independent Booksellers' Week. Along with other bookstores in the Monterey Bay Area, Bookmark will host book signings, storytelling, music, and local authors' receptions (including benefit performances by Taelen Thomas with the Larry Hosford Music Troupe) to support the local chapter of Reading is Fundamental. The national program brings new books to lower grade school children to foster reading success and a love of books. Announcements on time and place of forthcoming events will come soon according to Bookmark owner, Marcia Stearns.

Community Chiropractic Center at 630 Fountain Avenue is the site Tuesday, June 18 of an open house for members and guests of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce. Hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and other beverages will be served from 5:30pm during this "Business After Hours" monthly networking event. The offices of CCC clinic have been remodeled recently and are open to the public for inspection; \$5 for Chamber members, \$8 for non-members.

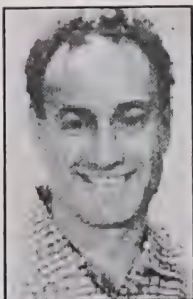
Lasting Memories, a new bridal shop at 566 Lighthouse Avenue, will have its Grand Opening Saturdays, June 22. A ribbon-cutting ceremony sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce is scheduled between 11am to 12pm. Mayor Sandy Koffman will be on hand to participate. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Store owner is Olivia Moti.

Good Morning PG, the Chamber of Commerce monthly morning meeting will be held at 8am Thursday, June 27 at Chili Great Chili, 620 Lighthouse Avenue. Program features a presentation by Pacific Grove banks on banking data analyses, a presentation that will assist your business growth through strategic decisions which may be made through data provided by local banks.

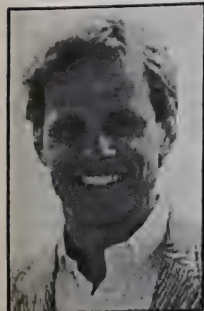
Tim Parsons, a Pebble Beach resident, has opened an ophthalmology practice in downtown Pacific Grove. Dr. Parsons is president of Glaucoma Consultants of California and specializes in medical, laser, and surgical management of cataracts and glaucoma. He is a fellowship-trained ophthalmologist and glaucoma specialist. Additionally, Dr. Parsons received training at Stanford University in PRK excimer laser for refractive surgery. His office provides cosmetic eyelid and facial surgery with skin resurfacing. Private consultations are available by appointment. His office is located at 505 Lighthouse Avenue.



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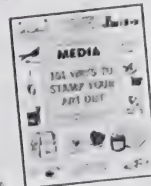
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Church Members Voice Opinion

By Neill Gardner

A substantial number of members have left Carmel Presbyterian Church since Pastor Jon Wilson assumed control in 1991. The church's Foundation, composed of money donated separately from the collection plate, has declined sharply over the same period.

Wilson, who refers to himself as Head of Staff, refused to speak with The Beacon last week. We wanted to talk with him about Wally Getz' lawsuit, members who have left, and about his plans to build a multi-million dollar youth complex.

Others, some still members, some who have joined other churches, were not reticent about voicing opinion.

Patty Blorton, a member since 1988 and an Elder, said people over 50 are made to feel as though they are not important and that they should not get in anyone's way. She said Wilson's attitude has caused problems.

Several members and former members wanted to remain anonymous in view of the ongoing litigation. One, an eight-year secretary-treasurer of the Foundation and seven-year Session member, said Wilson's attitude toward Foundation funds had caused problems. He said, "He schemes to his own advantage."

One 30-year member who has left the church said Wilson is a "nice guy," but one who operates with a heavy hand. He said expansion plans were presented verbally, without documentation, sloppily. He said Getz had been badly treated. "Wilson has an agenda of his own."

Bob Rowland, who has served on both Sessions and the Foundation, didn't want to comment on the pastor. A member for more than 20 years, he said the expansion facility would cost too much to build and operate. He favored using Sunset Center, as has been done in the past, and upgrading of the existing facility.

Wayne Earl, a member since 1972, doesn't attend. "I won't attend until they get new management. The choir is all that holds that church together."

Jim Agan, a 30-year member, has left the church, joined Monterey Presbyterian. Agan built the \$800,000 Carmel Valley home in which Wilson lives. Agan

hesitated to speak, but said that "there were character problems involved."

Don Sortwell, chairman of the Missions Committee, said he "black my finger in my ear at first. I wanted the new pastor to make good." Sortwell said he spent three hours with a Christian psychologist and Wilson. "Usually the one who sues is in the wrong. Not this time," Sortwell said. He added that Wilson's sermons reflect a hardened heart. "Jon Wilson needs to go to the far side of the desert and meditate until his heart softens."

Paul Ernst has been with the Presbyterian Church for 54 years. Eleanor Ernst's family has been in the church for more than 250 years. They switched to Carmel Valley Baptist, primarily because of the Presbyterian stance on homosexuality. Ernst said he'd rather see the lawsuit money being spent on the Lord's work. "We're glad we left," he added.

Irv Hirsch, in a lengthy memo to Jack Longley (who tried to mediate the conflict) noted Wilson's presentation of a ministry to be "Baby Boomers." He wrote "I was told by Jon and some Session members that dissenters could find another church home if they did not like the changes... There appears to be a lack of respect for the needs of longstanding members, as well as common business and ethical values."

Violet Beahan (now deceased) wrote as early as July 28, 1993, "I too no longer feel at home in the church where I have been a member for 30 years." Beahan served in many of the church's organizations, only to "feel alienated in my own church... It is sad not to feel at home in our church."

Tolerance Column Draws Fire From Congregation

by Neill Gardner

Pastor Jon Wilson's column in the Monterey paper has triggered a series of letters to the editor. Not all of them have been printed. One, written by Gigi Shortwell in response to an article on tolerance, was turned down because, the paper said, it was an internal church matter.

Apparently, Gigi's unpublished letter found its way to Wilson's desk. His response to her was too long for publication here, but it scolded her for writing to the paper.

"I have to tell you that in 25 years in the ministry yours is one of the most unloving, judgmental letters I have ever received."

Quoting the Bible, Wilson suggested that Gigi should have come directly to him with any criticism she might have had concerning his newspaper column.

That failing, the pastor wrote, "The point is to quietly disassociate from the church, so as not to disrupt the witness of Jesus Christ that is going on to unbelievers."

Wilson asked Gigi to "call the paper and withdraw your letter."

Gigi answered Wilson's letter:

"It was your choice to write articles in the public newspaper and it is my right to comment publicly as well. You ask churchmembers to write to the newspaper on your behalf but ask me to leave the church because I disagree with one of your articles. Who is the hypocrite?"

"I have observed for the past four years Christians leaving Carmel Presbyterian Church because of you. You have called their concerns lies and unfounded rumors and have labeled the individuals antagonists. You have told them to leave as you suggested to me and you have even caused a lawsuit."

"You claim I am smearing your name and reputation. Jon, you need no help. You are doing that in the Christian community quite well, all by yourself."

"Your letter speaks volumes of your intolerance toward anyone who disagrees with you."

Church responds to Getz lawsuit story

by Neill Gardner

Representatives of Carmel Presbyterian Church contacted The Beacon in response to a May 31 story concerning a lawsuit brought by Wallace Getz against the church and its Head of Staff, Jon Wilson. They protested that only one side of the story was being told.

John Lococo, Chief Clerk of the Northern California Presbytery headquartered in San Jose, said he didn't want to influence content of future stories, but failed to offer further information.

Peter Hoss, attorney for the Carmel Church, offered to furnish a written report on the church's side of the case, but later said he had been advised by the Session not to do so.

Wilson contacted Publisher Eric Colby in a lengthy telephone conversation. A later attempt to speak with Wilson proved fruitless.

The Beacon stands ready to print whatever remarks the church or its representatives are prepared to furnish.

Garbled at the end, the recent Beacon story should have reported that a reversal of Judge Richard Silver's decision was a unanimous decision of Justices William Wonderlich, Eugene Primo and Franklin Elia, with costs to appellant.

Monterey Attorney Gary Gray represented Getz. Sharon Hightower of San Jose was attorney for the church.

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DAR officers installed

by Gloria Grenfell

New officers of Commodore Sloat Chapter, DAR were elected and installed during a recent ceremony in Carmel Valley. Alice Lemos of Pebble Beach was installed as 1st Vice Regent, Jean Waner as 2nd Vice Regent, Alida Lehman as Chaplain, Patsy Primiani as Recording Secretary, Ruth Jorgenson as Corresponding Secretary, Rita de Lorimer as Registrar, Betty Hillman as Librarian, and Pacific Grove resident Barbara Turner as Historian.

Joanne Slama took over the gavel from retiring Regent Jane Holmes, saying she was especially pleased that the duties of her office include recognition of outstanding young good citizens. She recently presented DAR's Junior R.O.T.C. medal to Tiffany Golden of Monterey High School.

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Births

Bailey Korin Ortiz-Wette was born 5/22/96 to Gerard Wette and Mychele Ortiz, Pebble Beach.

Megan Jenna Frederick was born 5/29/96 to Brett T. and Marianne B. Frederick, Monterey.

Deaths

Glenda O. McCartney, 70, of Pebble Beach, died while working in her garden on Sunday. A Peninsula resident for almost 40 years, Mrs. McCartney was born June 24, 1925, in Texas.

She worked as a secretary to the traffic manager of the Union Pacific and at the Presidio in San Francisco. She served as an auxiliary volunteer at O'Conner Hospital in San Jose, a Girl Scout leader in Pacific Grove, and held many offices in the Women's Golf Association at MPCC. She and her husband, Duane owned and operated AGEI Limited in Hong Kong and Singapore. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last September.

Survivors include her husband, Duane McCartney of Pebble Beach, daughters, Luane McGowan of Los Gatos and Candice McCartney of Mountain View; and two grandchildren, Kevan and Crista McGowan.

A memorial service was held Thursday at Church of the Wayfarer, Carmel. Inurnment was at Alta-Mesa cemetery in Palo Alto.

The family prefers that any contributions be sent to the Duane McCartney Cancer Research Fund, c/o Dr. David Schrupp, M.D., Anderson Hospital, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas, 77030.

Antone Silveira Cabral, 86, Pacific Grove, died May 31 at his residence.

Born July 27, 1909 in Little Compton, RI, he was a 37-year resident and worked at Holman's Department Store for 18 years, retiring in 1978.

Mr. Cabral was a member of St.

Angela's Church and also the American Legion Post No. 41 in Monterey. He served in the U.S. Army Military Police during WW II, from 1943 to 1945.

Survivors include his wife, Salome Cabral and his son Robert Cabral, both of Pacific Grove; daughter, Patricia Cabral of Salinas; brothers, John Cabral of Gustine and George Cabral of Santa Cruz; two grandchildren, a niece and nephew.

A funeral mass was held at St. Angela's Church with burial at San Carlos Cemetery, Monterey.

Robert Bruce Vance, 82, Pacific Grove, died May 24 at the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto.

Born April 23, 1914, in Philadelphia, PA, Mr. Vance served in the U.S. Navy during WW II, was a retired executive with McCulloch in Los Angeles and lived in Pacific Grove for the past 17 years.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife Doris L. Vance of Pacific Grove and daughter, Cecile C. Costa of Spokane, WA. No services were held.

Mary Lee Hall, 88, Monterey, died May 31 at the Monterey Convalescent Hospital.

Born February 28, 1908 in the District of Columbia, Ms. Hall had been Social Editor of the Santa Monica Outlook newspaper. She was also a former resident of Santa Monica and Escondido.

Survivors include nephews John A. Andrews, Jr., of Pebble Beach, Lee A. Andrews of San Clemente, and Lawrence A. Lee of Hawaii; and niece, Jean Lee Stervinou of Vancouver, BC.

Edwin "Ed" Louis Plowman, 76, former Principal of Pacific Grove Middle School, died June 2 at his Pebble Beach residence.

Born September 27, 1919 in Washington, D.C., he received both his BA and

MA from San Jose State University, served in the U.S. Navy as an aviator, was a veteran of WW II and was Commanding Officer of Squadron VP17 when they were named Squadron of the Year in 1958.

Mr. Plowman was also a school teacher with the Pacific Grove Unified School District and retired as Principal of the Middle School. He was an active member of St. Mary's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Pacific Grove, and was Past President and Paul Harris Fellow of the Pacific Grove Rotary Club. He was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and a member of SIRS.

Survivors include his son John Paul Plowman of San Jose; his late wife Catherine died in 1989 and a son, Lt. James Plowman, a Navy Navigator, was an MIA in Vietnam in 1967 and his body was never recovered; sisters, Jeannette A. Greenip of Annapolis, MD and Virginia M. Ponder of Daytona Beach, FL; and three grandchildren.

Burial was at El Carmelo Cemetery, Pacific Grove.

The family suggests contributions in his memory to a memorial fund, care of P.G. PRIDE (Public Response In Dollars For Education), P.O. Box 419, Pacific Grove, 93950.

Margaret Mayell Morrison, 84, Pacific Grove, died June 5 at her residence. Born January 29, in London, England, she was a former longtime resident of the San Francisco Bay area.

Survivors include her husband, James Morrison of Pacific Grove; son J. Bruce Morrison of Poulsbo, WA; daughter, Gail Smith of Sunnyvale; sister, Dean Rucker of Los Altos; and three grandchildren.

At her request, no services were held and her ashes will be scattered at sea.

The Paul Mortuary, Pacific Grove, was in charge of all arrangements.

OPINION

Ecological excesses go against the grain

ACCORDING TO the big city papers, Sacramento is beginning to look at the damage ecological overkill has done to the state's economy in recent years. Somewhere in the process, we pray, someone will dwell for a moment on the personal tragedies that have been inflicted on "little" people who were only trying to make it through the night. We think specifically of the hardships imposed on small service station operators who were forced to the wall by being required to remove storage tanks that were doing no harm whatsoever to their surroundings.

We can only wonder how much unnecessary economic hardship was caused by the removal of asbestos that would have done less harm to the ecology if it had just been left alone. Up and down the Pacific Coast, there is no way to place a value on the damage, emotional and financial, done in the name of the ecology. What is even more sickening is the realization that much of this expensive nonsense is perpetrated by individuals who have a personal axe to grind. None of us wants to live in a land where pursuit of the almighty dollar takes

precedence over protection of the environment. Even so, we need some sort of mechanism to protect us from the folks who come out of the woodwork every time we start to drive a nail. Society needs some defense against those whose experience in the workplace has been limited to the classroom. Appointed to governing agencies, they have little understanding of the productive element that makes their paychecks possible. We need people in government who have enjoyed the pleasures of meeting payrolls and paying taxes. — Neill Gardner

Greedy seniors are part of the problem

IT DISTURBS some senior citizens to read about the sorry state of the national debt and then to realize that they are a big part of the problem.

Not all seniors subscribe to the American Association of Retired People philosophy that seeks to get every nickel it can from the national treasury.

Most of us can relate our Social Security checks to the size of the deductions imposed on working people. Our dignity may have been preserved by the Social Security system.

All the same, we are not unapprecia-

tive of the fact that it is our kids who really are footing the bill.

While we are not so dense as to not realize that cost of living adjustments are necessary in order to keep pace with inflation, most of us could accept a revision of the data on which COLAs are based.

Many who now enjoy the glories of Social Security come from a generation when seniors lived with their offspring, or in some equivalent of the County Farm, or in an old folks home financed by the Knights of Pythias or some other

beneficent organization. Privacy was a scarce commodity.

Most of us are having a ball, compared to the lives our grandparents led. We have a responsibility to support those leaders in government who have the intestinal fortitude to keep the system solvent.

Seniors in the United States probably have never been treated as well as we are today. We need to be appreciative of the fact and to keep an eye cocked on those politicians who place a greater value on their reelection than on the financial stability of the nation. — Neill Gardner

Thots while shaving

by Eric Colby

Delivery. Since the Beacon went to home delivery this year we have received some complaints about where the paper actually winds up. We back charge our drivers for every complaint and we check portions of each route on delivery day to monitor service of our drivers. Our aim is to put a Beacon on every driveway. We have complaint forms in the office. Let us know about the quality of our service. Bear in mind, we deliver more than twice the number of any other newspaper delivered in Pacific Grove, Country Club and New Monterey.

Colossus. During the first year of publishing Snick Farkas' comic strip it got left out three times. That was once too many for Snick and he quit. He had the abhorrent thought that we were conspiring to censor his work (which we had not done). Our people are talking to Snick's people. We're talking big stakes, but negotiations so far sound promising and a deal may be imminent. Besides, COG is restless.

Charlie. When you get around the town, as newspaper people do, you see who's working for the community and who isn't. Charlie Higuera is and, it seems, always has been a giver to his town. The Chamber of Commerce singled him out as the person to honor this year for his devotion to community service. From what I've learned from others about Charlie is that, possibly enough could never be said about him. Except, possibly, from his best friend Morrie Fisher who tried to say something kind about Charlie but, like Caesar's eulogist, (hey, everyone else invents words) became confused with the concepts of praise and burial. Take it from Richard Stillwell and me, keep Morrie away from your next award banquet or funeral.

Entrepreneurs. The Chamber handed out several cash awards to students who responded to the challenge of putting together a business plan that, with a \$500 investment, would make money. I was fascinated by the response. There were no employers to meet the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, you know. But we've become a nation of employees, most of whom don't find the fulfillment, esteem hardship and aggravation enjoyed by small business employers. Most of today's high school graduates may wind up in the home earning money with a computer. Despite what you may think, we're living in an age that's on the cutting edge of individual opportunity. It's nice the Chamber and Rebecca and Craig Riddell have offered a spark to challenge some of our innovative young creators.

Music. I've lived over 50 years, listened to music of every sort most of the time, and have never heard two verses or refrains alike. What does that tell you? Like an infinity of possibilities, maybe? I think it's the same way with Life. There really is no end to the possibilities.

Little Red House. I hope you are enjoying, as much as I am, developments at 662 Lighthouse Avenue, where new owners are rehabing the heck out of it. They've underpinned this place, which was built mostly on the ground, with concrete footings and pony walls, poured a concrete floor below and now have an enclosed basement. They trashed an exterior wall that enclosed the porch and replaced with a nice balustrade between posts topped with decorative balusters. With new front stairs, roofing and paint, the place is going to look spiffy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where is Snick?

Editor:

In recent months, something important has been missing from the Beacon.

It didn't happen gradually. All of a sudden an issue of the Beacon appeared without my favorite feature, and it has not appeared again. There was no warning, no editorial or opinion by Neill Gardner, nor any explanation or mention in "Thots while shaving" by publisher Eric Colby as to why one of the best features of the Beacon was gone.

So, I've been forced to take pen to paper (well, actually, to turn my computer on) and finally ask: What has happened to "The Colossus of Gold" by Snick?

"The Colossus of Bronze" gave readers of the Beacon a chance to laugh at ourselves, but more importantly, it gave the Beacon a sense of humor, which seems to be sorely lacking these days.

Are there plans to return "The Colossus of Gold" to the Beacon? I certainly hope so (or is laughing not allowed in Pacific Grove?)

If there are no such plans, as a reader of the Beacon, I would appreciate a reasonable explanation as to why this feature has been dropped.

Sherry
Pacific Grove

Fire at Fort Ord

Editor:

Is it just me — or has the world gone mad? On May 4 the Presidio of Monterey Fire Department intentionally burned three solidly constructed homes in perfectly good condition to prove a point — that the Environmental Protection Act is stronger than the rational mind.

The units comprised a modern two-story stucco three-plex with enclosed garages and fenced yards at the end of a peaceful cul-de-sac on Rodriguez Court at Fort Ord. The three-bedroom, two bath homes were condemned because of the unfortunate geographical fact of being constructed over the trailing edge of a long-abandoned dump site. Environmental giant International Technologies Corp has been tasked with cleaning up select government sites in western United States as part of a \$200 million dollar contract and these properties are in their crosshairs. To lend credence to ITC's arson a government civil engineer declared the properties damaged beyond

repair because of settling. If that were the case why were families living there only a year ago?

Given today's high cost of construction and the many hardworking men and women seeking affordable housing to raise their families, this deliberate devastation of real estate is nothing less than criminal.

Hang on — there's more... Grab your marshmallows. Four more units are slated to be torched.

If fire departments in Salinas, Monterey or any other town in America intentionally destroyed a million dollars worth of family housing, it would cause tremendous public outrage. At Fort Ord the fire has been treated as though it were nothing more than a little brush being burned. For ITC to condone this activity with impunity is a blatant example of Big Corporate arrogance. Their motive is profit not people; they get paid to burn them.

It's saddening to see the burnt out hull of homes that recently housed young families. I thought it was the duty of firemen to save houses from burning, not burn them. Won't somebody please tell me that the world has gone mad.

Kip Finn, Fort Ord

Getting a good feeling

Editor:

Of late, I've been somewhat inattentive to the upkeep of my front yard. But this morning, while weeding the planting strip between my small stretch of sidewalk and the street, I found a copy of the Beacon stashed neatly under a large calla lilly.

Discovering the paper gave me the same good feeling I had as a child when I would find a dime on the sidewalk, which, back in those days, would buy me a good-sized candy bar or a comic book.

I'm glad to see that the Beacon is again "hitting the streets" in the figurative sense. In times past, I've enjoyed perusing its pages for local news and commentary.

Especially unique to your paper is the PG Police Blotter, which, like the dime comics of my youth, often elicits a good chuckle or two. (Given the numerous accounts in said blotter of "close encounters" with raccoons, will the PGPD ever reach the obvious conclusion that these creatures are, in fact, alien beings who

are here incognito to observe the eccentric lifestyles of local "Pagrovians"?)

Unfortunately, the Beacon is also hitting the streets in a literal sense: Later that day I noticed more than a few copies of the May 31 issue lying unread in the gutters around town. Thus, your claim that the Beacon reaches over 13,000 households may be a mite overstated (or under-pitched by your carriers). So, it might behoove your paper pitchers to aim for the front porches and driveways, lest the street sweepers sweep away a large portion of your potential readership. As you may have noticed (per the stenciling efforts of EcoCorps), the storm drains around town flow to the bay: 'Tis more the pity that fish can't read.

Jim Barrett, Pacific Grove

Truck blocks safety

Editor:

I really don't understand The City of Pacific Grove's problem with Public Safety. You have a truck on the street by 1199 Forest, which, in the public's opinion, unduly interferes with the free movement of traffic onto Forest Avenue by parking in an area that is dangerous to those trying to enter Forest Avenue from the 1199 driveway.

I have been hit twice because of not being able to see oncoming vehicles, thanks to a truck or large van being parked as to block the view of oncoming traffic on Forest Avenue.

Yes, I called the Pacific Grove Police...ha ha ha. We all know that they don't want to mess with the city's revenues. I am serious when I say that we should have stayed Del Monte Park and that Pacific Grove is just using us for the city sales tax revenues.

Ira Gilmore
keyman42@keyman.com

Inspirational Gems

Compiled by Marilyn Bell

The righteous perisheth and no man layeth it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

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Shore Lines

by Neill Gardner

ORDINARILY, I would agree with those who adopt a hands off approach to meddling in a church's internal affairs. Even so, there are times when the evidence is so compelling that outsiders must involve themselves.

Such is the condition in the case of Getz vs Carmel Presbyterian Church and its pastor, Jon Wilson.

It is true that Wally is a friend. For that very reason, I spent a good many hours looking into the affair. The first thing we did was to talk with the pastor, who is referred to on the church letterhead as "Head of Staff." When we went to see him a second time, he referred us to his attorney. When we faxed last week's story to his attorney, she said she wasn't interested.

THIS IS neither the place nor the time to be trying the Getz lawsuit. Even so, it would be less than would be less than reasonable to expect a paper to impose a blackout on what has been going on in the Carmel church.

A simple review of the annual report of the church reveals a remarkable drop in membership since 1991, when Wilson arrived on the scene. That decline came as membership in Monterey and Pacific Grove Presbyterian Churches was on the rise.

Although the reports indicate more than 200 new members over recent years, total membership has declined substantially. Assuredly, some folks have gone to their reward. Why so many others have left appears to be a legitimate question.

WE ASKED that question, both of folks who have moved to other churches and those who are still in CPC. Elsewhere in The Beacon you should find their replies.

If someone were to call me on the telephone, identify himself as a reporter and start asking questions about my religion, he would likely hear language unfit for publication.

That didn't happen. There are people hurting out there. They have a right to be heard outside the circle-the-wagons society of the professional religious community. They are not being heard in the Monterey paper, which has refused even to print letters to the editor, let alone a report of the appellate court reversal.

Slice of Life

by Elaine Breen

My father was the tenant farmer for a prominent Colorado architect, sculptor and painter who owned a 160 acre farm, a mansion with gardens, reflecting pools and a swimming pool. His daughter Ursula, a year older than I, was a free spirit whose only anguish was having to go indoors to dress for company. I thought she was keen.

At one point Daddy acquired a goat because my younger brother, Norbert, was unable to digest cow's milk. We named her Sylvia. All our gentle animals were named Sylvia. At this time Ursula was trying for a lifesaving certificate. She had practiced in the pool but that was not really saving anyone. She asked my mother whether she might dump me in the lake and save me since I couldn't swim. My mother mentioned saints and Mary, and declined. We tried dumping the dog in the pool but he swam away.

At last Ursula asked me whether I would be willing to help her save Sylvia in the lake. Ursula needed me! We brought Sylvia to the lake and loaded her into the boat. When we were out in the middle we dumped her. The boat rocked and she splashed us. After the third save Sylvia's eyes rolled sideways. She made goat noises and shook her head up and down, which really meant "No."

She definitely did not want to get saved; in fact, she already felt born again, having forgot her prior life. We called it quits and rowed to the pier. Sylvia was in a hurry to get home to her shed by the gardener's house and to be among the sane. Mr. Graff was the gardener. (My brothers called him "Olmangraff" and put nails under his Model T tires.) Anyway, we are coming up the lane with wet Sylvia and wet Ursula. Olmangraff sees us and shook a hoe at us like Mr. McGregor and turned around, heading for Ursula's mother.

I don't know whether Ursula got punished. I got a real talking to with more saints and Mary and God Save Us. Daddy thought it was funny. Ursula got her lifesaving certificate. But Sylvia was never the same.

It is unrecorded whether Norbert liked Sylvia's milk after that. He was a baby and drank any old thing.

Beacon Horiscope

by Miss Jay

Taurus - April 21-May 21. You will learn this week that James Taylor was right: The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time; try not to try too hard.

Gemini - May 22-June 21. Love blooms in other people's gardens now. Don't feel left out. Your time in the sun is coming this summer. Be prepared to be pampered.

Cancer - June 22-July 23. Your role is changing, slightly at first, then more dramatically as the summer approaches. No need to dig in your heels; all will be revealed in time.

Leo - July 24 - August 23. You are touched by the exuberance of youth. Applaud their ambitions as you reflect on your own, then make a parallel passage.

Virgo - August 24 - September 23. Book the trip, but postpone packing. As conditions change, you may find you need less baggage and more flexibility. Hang on for a lovely ride.

Libra - September 24 - October 23. No, this isn't fair. You've done more than your share, but once again, virtue was not rewarded. Keep silent; share the secret with yourself, and smile.

Scorpio - October 24 - November 22. Walk tall this week because you must spot the enemy while he is still far away. Study your options, prepare for a challenge.

Sagittarius - November 23-December 21. Expand your tool box and check its inventory. When a hammer is your only tool, everything seems to need striking.

Capricorn - December 22 - January 20. Your kind heart and wry humor will carry the load for those who are stumbling this week. As before, you will liberate their fearful spirits and teach them to fly.

Aquarius - January 31 - February 19. Your already large circle of friends is expanding. An acquaintances seeks you out. Watch the eyes to verify sincerity.

Pisces - February 20 - March 20. Stop trying to swim upstream. Go with the flow now and aim for an interlude of needed inactivity. The ebbs and flow of energy are healthy reactions to what you've experienced.

Aries - March 21 - April 20. Let down your guard long enough and you just might get the picture. Listen and learn. Scorpio influence.

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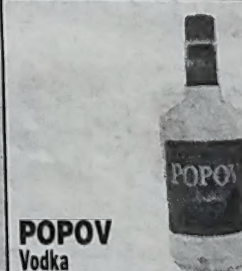
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